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## Press Release

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### Leclanché provides second business update

**Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, 16 November 2012** - Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells and energy storage solutions, today announced that its interim Chief Financial Officer, Robert Feij, terminated his contract to be able to take on a new assignment. His activities will be assumed by the CEO with the support of members of the Board of directors. Mr. Feij will remain available over the next weeks to ensure a smooth transition. The Board of directors would like to thank Mr. Feij for his contribution in a challenging environment.

In that respect, Leclanché informs that the company is in advanced discussions with several potential partners to cover its short and medium term funding needs. Whether these discussions will ultimately be successful is still open at this point. A separate announcement is expected to be made next week.

Meanwhile, Leclanché's patented lithium ion technology received a further validation as it won the prestigious Global Cleantech Cluster Association (GCCA) 2012 award in the "Energy Storage" category. The GCCA Award assesses the most promising later stage companies across the globe and selects the Top 10 winners in each category from an original pool of 4500 eligible companies represented by the GCCA's 46 member clusters, including swisscleantech. The award was granted to Leclanché during the Savannah International Clean Energy Conference which took place earlier this week in the United States.

#### **About Leclanché**

Leclanché's strategy is to expand its position as one of the leading lithium-ion cell producers and solution providers for renewable energy storage systems in Europe. Its strategic priorities are stationary home electrical energy storage applications and expansion into the stationary industrial and grid electricity storage markets. Through participation in research consortia focusing on hybrid and E-mobility applications, Leclanché is positioned to take advantage of new market opportunities.

Through a unique, patented ceramic separator technology and focus on lithium-titanate technology, Leclanché manufactures large-format lithium-ion cells, optimized for safety and cycle-life, in a fully automated production process. The newly installed production line will have an annual capacity of 1 million cells or 76 MWh.

Leclanché was founded in 1909 in Yverdon-les-Bains. Through the integration of a spin-off from the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in 2006, the company evolved from a traditional battery manufacturer to become a leading developer and manufacturer of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché currently employs 120 staff and is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN). The company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and production facilities in Willstätt (Germany).

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